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■ Spy reshuffle. Powerful congressional Democrats believe the gulf war and the crisis leading up to it demonstrate systemic problems in the U.S. intelligence community, which is plagued by duplication and waste of resources. The lawmakers also object to the communiry's cold-war mind-set and its continuing preoccupation with the Soviets. As a result, they claim, the United States has failed to develop assets that could provide critical human intelligence in Third World countries such as Iraq and Iran - which is not surprising, since the Central Intelligence Agency has fewer than 20 professionals fluent in Arabic. The immediate focus of Democratic tre is William Webster, the CLA's congenial director, who has lost much of his once strong support on Capitol Hill. Both those who voted for the resolution approving the use of force in the gulf and those who opposed it were dismaved by what they say was Webster's flip-flop on economic sanctions. In December, he told Congress that the sanctions would cripple Iraq in three to nine months, but a month later, on the eve of the use-offorce vote, he changed his mind. How-ever, the CLA director insists his two statements "are fully consistent.